



Public Notice

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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2752
Public Notice Date
March 5, 2010

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Expiration Date
March 25, 2010

File Number: 2010-152

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been received for a Department of the Army, Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permit, to permanently moor a barge in navigable Waters of the United States, see attachments.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Mr. Neal Day, Post Office Box 124, Thebes, Illinois 62990 (573-621-0078).

LOCATION: The project site is located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 43.9, in Thebes, Alexander County, Illinois (See Attachment).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests Section 10 permit authorization to permanently moor a barge along the Thebes, Illinois riverfront, adjacent to an existing campground. The barge would be used for recreational purposes by campers and the public to enhance their river enjoyment. Food and beverages could be purchased at the adjacent campground and consumed on tables and chairs located on the barge. The barge is covered with a roof and would provide shelter during special events such as bike rallies, fishing tournaments, horseback rides, etc. The barge will be attached to precast concrete deadman structures weighing approximately 23,000 pounds each, two emanating from the bow and one from the stern. The barge is approx 90-feet-long and 30-feet-wide. An approximate 82-feet-long walkway would extend from barge to the river bank for customer access. The barge will be moored approximately 20 feet from the shoreline of the river. The applicant would adjust cable/chain tension during varying river stages. (See Attached Drawing).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Charles Frerker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address:
Charles.F.Frerker@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: The proposed activities will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.



ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Least tern (**Sterna antillarum**), and the Pallid sturgeon (**Scaphirynchus albus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the permanently moored barge will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

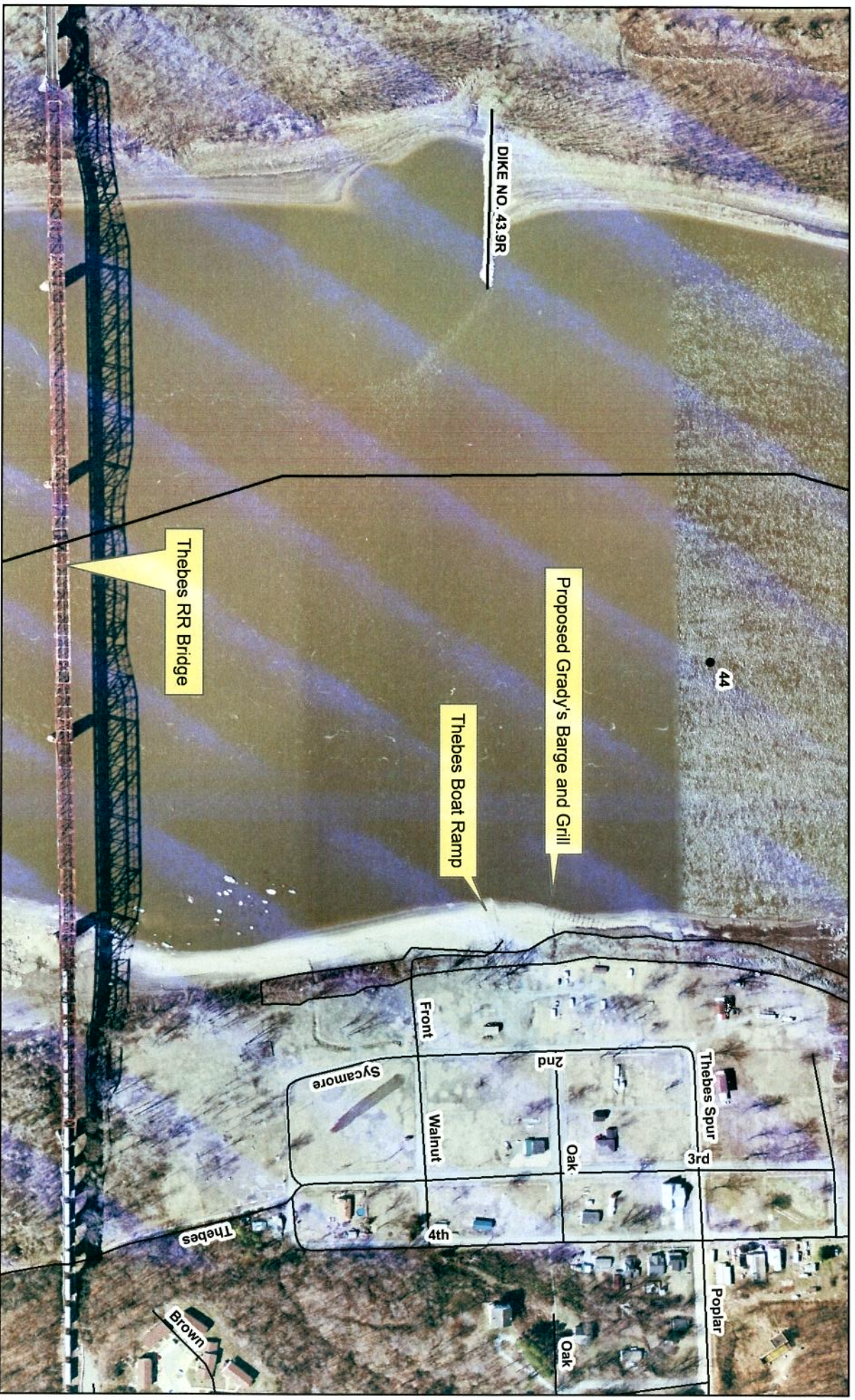
In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.


 Danny D. McClendon, Chief
Regulatory Branch

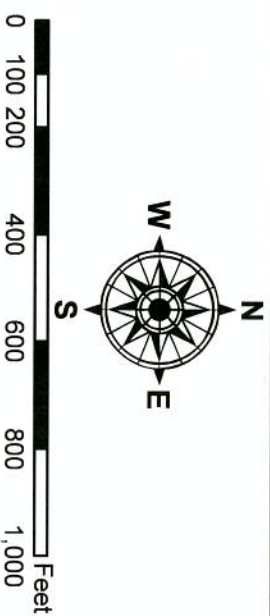
Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of issuance of this notice.



P-2752 Grady's Barge and Grill
Project Location Map - MVS-2010-152
Thebes, Alexander Co., IL (River Mile 43.9L)



VICINITY MAP

Name of Project: Grady's Barge and Grill
Body of Water: Mississippi River
River Mile: 43.7
City: Thebes
State: Illinois
Name of Applicant: Neal Day

SHEET 1 of 2
River Elevation: 308 ft.
County: Alexander
Prepared: February 1, 2010



1000 ft = 1 inch
37-13.475N, 89-27.677W
USNG 16S BG 8163 2262

VICINITY MAP

SHEET 2 of 2

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60.00'

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STREET

POPLAR

STREET

240.08'
N00°18'14"W

90.00'

150.00'
S00°18'14"EN89°27'
20.00'BARGE LOCATION
(APPROXIMATE)

EDGE OF WATER

Barge
RAMP S80°W
84.0'S89°25'16"W
120.00'(P.O.)
OAK

Boat - RAMP LOCATION

101.56

N89°25'16"E
100.00'

85.54

300.00'
N00°18'14"W

300.00'

300.00'

FRONT

100.00'

100.00'

S89°25'16"W
WALNUT

N89°25'16"E

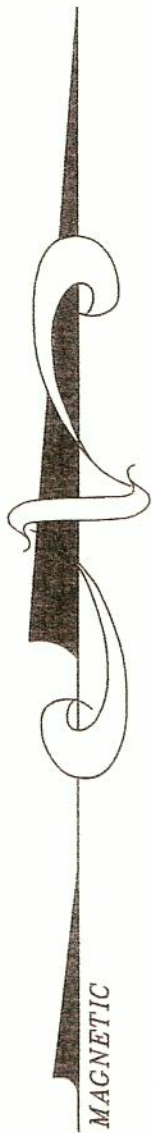
110.00'

180.00'

N00°18'14"

0.780 acre

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MAGNETIC

RIVER